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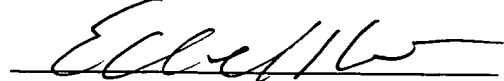
This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 23, 2004. Claims 31 to 34 are now pending in the application, with Claims 17 to 30 having been canceled. Claims 31 and 33 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 31 to 34 are allowable and that Claims 17 to 30 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome substantive rejections in which those claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, and solely for the purpose of obtaining the earliest possible allowance of the allowed claims, Claims 17 to 30 have been cancelled herein.

In view of the cancellation of rejected claims, thereby leaving only allowed claims in the application, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,



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